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Following are excerpts from Finnish President's address World Affairs Council Los Angeles Nov 1:

QUOTE The basic features of Finnish-Soviet relations have been defined in our treaty of friendship and mutual assistance which was made in 1948. The essence of this treaty is that Finland will not become a route of aggression against the Soviet Union. According to the treaty, the governments of Finland and the Soviet Union will consult with each other in case both agree - and now I quote from the text of the treaty - that 'A threat of military aggression exists from the side of Germany or powers allied with Germany against Finland, or through Finnish territory against the Soviet Union'. Finland's commitment is to defend her own territory - and only her own territory. This is the self-evident duty of every sovereign state.

I have described the contents of the Finnish-Soviet treaty because as you know, the Soviet government a few days ago proposed to the Finnish government the kind of consultations

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consultations that this treaty envisages, this proposal seems to have caused a sensation here. As far as Finnish-Soviet relations are concerned, the proposal to have consultations does not introduce a new principle, but it reflects the very grave tension that exists in Europe.

The economic progress that has taken place in Finland has been made possible through the hard work of the Finnish people, and through their firm faith in themselves and in the free future of their country. I have noticed that many people here remember a speech I made in September last year during the visit of the Soviet prime minister, Mr. Khrushchev, to Helsinki in connection with my sixtieth birthday. I said then I was convinced that even if all the rest of Europe were to turn communist, Finland would stand on her traditional northern democracy so long as the majority of our people want it, as I believe they do. With these words I wished to express my profound confidence in the strength of Finnish democracy and in Finland's freedom and independence. My faith in the future of Finland is today as firm as it was then. UNQUOTE

*Bowles agrees
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